

News Bytes

Your feed to Florida's Health IT Programs

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News Bytes strives to inform the health care community about Florida's Health Information Technology (Health IT) efforts. This publication contains the latest news, upcoming events, and helpful tips for participation in Florida's Health IT programs.

+ Upcoming Events +

EHR Incentive Program

Webinars for Eligible Professionals

- February 15th
- February 16th
- February 17th

Meaningful Use Webinar for Eligible Professionals and Hospitals

- February 28th

HIE Program Overview

DSM Webinars

- February 7th
- February 14th
- February 21st
- February 28th

Please visit the program websites for more information

EHR Incentive Program Update



Program updates are routinely posted on the website's home page to inform providers of policy requirements. [Read More.....](#)

The Frequently Asked Questions have been updated. Updates include clarification on pediatric designation, inclusion of Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in volume and moving beyond year one payments. [Read More.....](#)

It is not too early to begin preparing for meaningful use. Since the launch of the program, over 1046 eligible professionals and 99 eligible hospitals have received year one payments through the Florida Medicaid Program for adoption, implementation or upgrade to certified electronic health records. As of December 2011, CMS reported more than 49,126 providers had received incentive payments through Medicaid incentive programs. CMS has great resources, [Understanding Meaningful Use](#), to help prepare your practice for understanding meaningful use requirements as well as collecting and reporting the measures. In addition, there is even an ["an app"](#) to help test whether a practice would successfully demonstrate meaningful use. More details about the actual state application process will be forthcoming in the coming months.

Florida HIE Program Update



From the southern charm of the Florida panhandle to the cultural diversity of south Florida, health IT innovators are registering for Direct Secure Messaging (DSM). The number of registrants in the Health Information Exchange's DSM service recently topped 100! Many different types of providers are leading the charge toward the goal of electronic sharing of health information. Among the first registrants and advocates of Direct Secure Messaging are the state's Federally Qualified Health Centers, including Escambia Community Clinic and Jesse Trice Community Health Center. [Read More.....](#)

We would like to hear from you! Please help us by taking this brief survey to better assist our HIE endeavors [Take Survey](#)

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HIE Program Overview

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And You Asked

Q:

Where can I get information on e-Prescribing and additional information on the EHR Program?

A:

The Agency's dashboard has great information regarding the latest HIT information. [Visit Dashboard](#)